

FROM TOWN AND COUNTRY

From our own
Correspondents.

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BENONI.

Benoni was fortunate in hearing Mr. M. Kentridge, M.P., speak on "Some aspects of Zionism" at a meeting held on August 23rd, under the auspices of the Women's Zionist League.

A large and enthusiastic audience listened with deep interest and attention to Mr. Kentridge's impressions of his recent visit to Palestine. He cleared not a few minds of many confusing doubts, and painted a picture of a country filled with hope and practical possibilities.

An aspect which appealed to us and which has not been emphasised before was his reference to the need for business men with capital and initiative who would supply the growing needs as middlemen of the vast masses of the hinterland.

Mr. N. Kirschner, who presided as chairman in the absence of Mrs. J. Fredman, who was unfortunately indisposed, introduced the speaker.

At the conclusion of a most interesting evening, Mr. M. Toker proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Kentridge.

BETHLEHEM.

The local town hall was prettily decorated on the 19th ult., on the occasion of the annual ball organised by the Ladies' committee of the Hebrew Congregation.

Mr. H. Goldberg (President of the Hebrew Congregation) and Mrs. Goldberg, acted as host and hostess. There were many visitors present from Harrismith, Reitz, Senekal, Kestell, Paul Roux and Fouriesburg.

The music was supplied by the Broadway Six Orchestra. The function proved a brilliant success, thanks to the untiring efforts of Mesdames H. Goldberg, F. Levenstein, J. S. Jacobson, R. Rom, M. Altshuler, G. Tobias, M. Shulman, D. Horwitz, A. Lurie, J. Jacobson and P. Selikson. Thanks are also due to Mrs. A. Lurie and Mr. J. Jacobson, who were responsible for the decorations.

As a result of this function the handsome sum of £85 nett was raised for the funds of the local Hebrew Congregation.

The members of the local Young Israel Society spent an enjoyable evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Z. Jankelowitz, on Sunday, the 9th ult. Thanks must be accorded to Miss G. Jankelowitz, Messrs. Len Rosin, J. Jacobson and S. Sacks, to whose efforts the success of the function is due. Thanks are also due to Mr. and Mrs. Jankelowitz for their kind hospitality.

BLOEMFONTEIN.

The monthly meeting of the Women's Zionist Society was held in the Communal Hall on the 3rd inst. Mrs. Tcherney presided over a good attendance, and welcomed several new members. The Society will in future control the clearing of the National Fund boxes.

Mrs. Friedman read extracts from the statutes of the W.I.Z.O. dealing with the aims and objects of the organisation.

After much discussion it was finally decided that the Society affiliate with this body in order to successfully continue the work of the National revival.

BOKSBURG.

Under the auspices of the Boksburg and Boksburg North Zionist Society, a well-attended Herzl Memorial Service was recently held at the Boksburg North Synagogue. Mr. I. Gering (Chairman) presided.

The Rev. J. Chaitowitz intoned the evening prayers and recited the Haskarah in memory of the late Zionist leader. The speakers were Dr. D. Ordman, a member of the S.A. Zionist Federation, who, in an eloquent address, dwelt upon the influence of Herzl in relation to the Zionist movement, and made a strong appeal to Jewish youth to come forward in order to continue the work.

Mr. L. Tager, who spoke in Yiddish, related incidents of Dr. Herzl's eventful life. The Chairman thanked the speakers and assured them that their visit was much appreciated.

BOTHAVILLE.

On Sunday, the 22nd ult., the Young Israel Society held its fortnightly gathering at the Chedar Hall. Rabbi I. L. Feldberg delivered a lecture on "The Life of the Jews in Spain," which made a deep impression on all present. Thanks are due to Rabbi I. L. Feldberg for his interesting address.

CERES.

A successful social was held on the 23rd ult., at the local Town Hall, under the auspices of the Maccabean Society.

Mr. G. Geffen, the chairman, presided, and introduced Mr. H. Zuckerman, a visitor to Ceres, who delivered an inspiring address.

The following contributed to the musical part of the programme: Misses H. and P. Kleinman, R. and L. Ruskin, M. Esterman, Eiline Kirsch, Messrs. H. Ruskin, W. and S. Fish, and Miss Sonia Jacobs.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Zuckerman was proposed by Mr. W. Metter on behalf of the seniors and Mr. S. Fish on behalf of the Maccabean Society.

EAST LONDON.

The local Young Israel Society desires to convey heartfelt thanks to the doctors and nurses of Settlers' Hospital, and also to the people of Grahamstown for their invaluable assistance, rendered to the unfortunate members who had sustained injury in the bus accident at Pluto's Vale.

The annual meeting of the local Young Israel Society was held in the Synagogue Hall recently and was attended by a representative concourse of members. The retiring President, Mr. H. Gottlieb, submitted a satisfactory report of the activities of the past session, the success of which he attributed chiefly to the indiscrimination on the part of members between cultural and social meetings.

The election of hon. officers for the ensuing session then took place and resulted as follows: President, Mr. A. Sacks; Vice-President, Mr. M. Sherman; Treasurer, Miss B. Green; Hon. Secretary, Mr. M. Kaplan. Committee: Misses B. Scheckter, D. Kossowsky and H. Scheckter; Messrs. M. Arenson, M. Cooper and L. Segall.

Mr. Horwitz, President of the S.A.Y.I. Federation, arrived here on Thursday, the 13th ult., and gave a most interesting and elucidative address on the aims and ideals of the Young Israel Movement. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the speaker on the proposition of Mr. A. Sacks, who corroborated Mr. Horwitz's appeal to members to study Jewish history in order to keep the torch of Judaism alight.

GEORGE.

The bazaar organised by the local Jewish community, which was held on the 11th and 12th ult., proved a great success. As a result of this excellent effort the sum of £160 was realised which will go towards reducing the balance of the bond on the synagogue, and to assist in the establishment of a Jewish library.

The Mayor of George, who formally opened the function, paid a tribute to the work done by the local Jewish community and wished the function the success it deserved. Mr. Comay, in a suitable address, thanked the Mayor for his laudatory remarks and trusted that the gathering that evening would buy and buy generously.

The committee in charge of this function consisted of the following: Mesdames Berelowitz, Bloch, Papert-Hill, Messrs. Landsman and Slugman, to whom the thanks of the community are due.

There were many stalls which displayed a plentiful supply of household and other useful articles. The stall-holders were: Cakes, Mrs. Berelowitz and Mrs. Papert-Hill; Needlework, Mesdames Miller and Israelsohn; Groceries, Fancy Goods and Toys, Mesdames Levitt, Mann, Kaplan and Davis; Sweets and Cigarettes, Mrs. Slugman and Miss Shiller; General Commodities, Miss Hirsch; Produce and Flowers, Mesdames Joseph and Bloch; Refreshments, Mesdames Landsman, L. Hill, Rose and Misses B. and S. Lazarus and Master Shiller.

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KIMBERLEY.

The first "At Home" of the local Young Israel Society held recently attracted a large and representative gathering. Miss F. Awerbuck, the Chairlady, delivered an interesting address, in which she dealt with the aims and objects of the society, and appealed to the parents to lend their whole-hearted support.

An excellent programme was then presented, the following artists participated:—Misses E. Brenner, M. Gersovitz, R. Maris, B. Price, Mr. J. Brenner, Misses S. Goldstein, F. Awerbuck, Mr. Isakowitz, Misses S. Herman, R. Goldberg and R. Shrire.

A box of cigarettes, kindly donated by Mr. J. Shles, was raffled, Mr. Odes being the lucky winner, as a result of which a considerable sum was realised.

Mr. M. Frank proposed a vote of thanks to the artists and workers who helped to make the function so successful. Miss B. Slosberg, in seconding the vote of thanks, expressed the gratefulness of the committee to Mrs. R. Awerbuck and Miss R. Shapiro, of the local Zionist Society, and made mention of the valuable assistance rendered to the Society by Messrs. Dave Cohen and M. Bliss.

The following were responsible for the arrangements of the function: Messrs F. Awerbuck, B. Slosberg, M. Levine, S. Linckow, E. Sentner, O. Price, and Messrs. B. David, M. Frank, Moross, C. Frank, A. Rabinowitz, A. Robinson.

KIRKWOOD.

The Barmitzvah of Cyril, second son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Joffe, was celebrated recently. The Barmitzvah gave an eloquent address, which was much admired.

Rev. Hurwitz, Messrs. Levinsohn, Thal and Liebowitz paid a tribute to the valuable services rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Joffe on behalf of local Jewry. Mr. Joffe ably responded. Mr. Bergman, of Uitenhage, proposed the toast of the Barmitzvah's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ress, of Port Elizabeth who were unable to be present.

MALMESBURY.

The Committee of the Orphan Aid Society of Malmesbury have spent a remarkably busy Orphanage month. Dr. H. Myers, the Chairman, Mr. S. Zieper, the Hon. Treasurer, and Mr. A. B. Menn, the indefatigable Hon. Secretary and the whole Committee are to be heartily congratulated on their energy and interest. A number of special card parties at various private houses, a raffle and a special bioscope performance have realised the sum of £50, which was handed to the Hon. Treasurer of the Orphanage this week and is to be utilised for the endowment of a bed which will symbolise the personal attachment of the Malmesbury Jewish Community to the Home in Cape Town.

MOLTENO.

The annual meeting of the Zionist Society took place at the residence of Mr and Mrs Rathouse. There was a large attendance presided over by Mr. Rathouse.

After the secretary had submitted his report, the chairman gave a review of the financial position of the Society.

Election of hon. officers then took place. Mr. Rathouse being again elected Chairman, and Miss Sadie Schneider, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. Committee: Mrs. Rathouse, Miss Goldstein, Messrs. Max Tucker, M. M. Haas, and Arthur Tabachnik.

PAARL.

Two young ladies of Paarl, the Misses Cecile Geffen and Sadie Steinberg arranged a private dance in aid of the funds of the Cape Jewish Orphanage in the Talmud Torah Hall, Paarl, last week. A happy and enjoyable evening was spent and as a result Mrs. Futeran, the Hon. Secretary of the Paarl Orphan Aid Society, was able to send in to the Cape Town Office, the handsome sum of £13 10s. towards Orphanage needs.

QUEENSTOWN.

A general meeting of the Sons of Zion Society was held on the 2nd ult., and many matters of importance were dis-

cussed. It was decided to enlist the aid of the senior Zionist Society in the upkeep of the Society's tennis court.

On Sunday, the 9th ult., a variety meeting was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. N. Frank. The contributions of the members were excellent, and a most enjoyable afternoon was spent.

On Tuesday, 11th, Mr. M. Horwitz, the President of the S.A. Young Israel Federation, visited the Sons of Zion Society and addressed a public meeting. He gave a vivid and comprehensive account of the Young Israel Movement in South Africa, and made an ardent appeal to local Zionists to carry on and support the movement.

At a committee meeting held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. Strelitz, Mr. Horwitz, in reply to the President's appeal for help on behalf of the society, gave a detailed scheme of action. His suggestions were both helpful and instructive and the committee hopes to make the fullest possible use of them.

Thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. R. Levin, whose guest Mr. Horwitz was while at Queenstown.

THABA 'NCHU.

The sum of £1 8s. 6d. has been received by the South African Jewish Orphanage from Mr. E. Dreyer, the chairman of the local branch, being collection by Rev. B. Kamber.

VEREENIGING.

A general meeting of the Women's Zionist League was held in the Isaac Lewis Hall recently. Mrs. K. Berkowitz was in the chair. After the adoption of the Report and Balance Sheet, the following executive and committee was elected: Chairlady Mrs. K. Berkowitz, Vice-Chairlady, Mrs. L. Abrahams, Hon. Secretary Mrs. J. Rees, Treasurer Mrs. D. Joffe. Committee: Mesdames Behrman, P. Fisher, H. Katzen, Sacks, Klaff, Sam Falcke and Sol. Falcke.

Mesdames Sacks and Klaff undertook to carry out the collections for the next quarter, and Mesdames Berkowitz and Rees to clear the National Fund boxes. An amount of £25 was voted to Kfar Yeladim.

The Rev. B. D. Glass has been successful in organising a *Chevre Ein Jacob* here and Mr. P. Owitz has donated four sets of *Ein Jacob* in memory of his daughter Annie.

The *Hascholo* took place in the synagogue recently before a large gathering of local Jewry. Rev. Glass referred to the important nature of the organisation and felt that the establishment of the new study group would prove of great benefit in keeping Jewish learning alive. Many speakers supported Mr. Glass and generally the function was a great success.

WORCESTER.

The fifth meeting of the monthly conversaciones of the Bnei Ubenoth Zion was held in the local Zionist Hall on the 26th ult., Mr. and Mrs. J. Rabinowitz acting as host and hostess on this occasion. A pleasing feature of this gathering was the presence of Adv. and Mrs. Clouts and it is hoped that visiting speakers will appear regularly at these conversaciones.

After Mr. L. Rabinowitz had welcomed those present Mr. M. Citron rendered a violin solo. Mr. I. Shirken then read the news items which proved most interesting. Adv. P. M. Clouts delivered a short chat on the position of Zionism in the course of which he raised some novel points in an able and instructive manner. Mr. M. Lusman of Capetown, who accompanied Adv. and Mrs. Clouts, recited in Yiddish.

Mr. I. J. Sennett, President of the Worcester Hebrew Congregation, took the opportunity, during the evening of wishing bon voyage to Mr. L. Sacks who is sailing for Europe. Mr. Sacks suitably responded.

Mrs. P. M. Clouts then delivered a short talk on Women's Work, during the course of which she appealed to the local Jewish women to assist in Zionist and other Jewish communal activities. The last item on the programme was a song by Mr. L. Volks which was well received.

Mr. A. Volks, chairman of the Zionist Society, expressed the thanks of the society to Adv. and Mrs. Clouts and Mr. Lusman for their presence that evening.